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FOLLOWING REPEAT TEL AVIV 7205 ACTION SECSTATE NOV 13.

QUOTE: S E C R E T TEL AVIV 7205

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FOR SISCO AND ATHERTON FROM TOON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, IS, EG

SUBJ: TRANSIT THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL

1. I SAW EVRON IN JERUSALEM YESTERDAY AND PUT TO HIM ROY ATHERTON'S SUGGESTION THAT THE ISRAELIS PLAY DOWN PUBLICITY ON THE CANAL TRANSIT OF ISRAELI CARGO. HE TOOK THE POINT AND SAID THEY WOULD DO WHAT THEY COULD TO DAMP DOWN PUBLICITY.

2. AS TO THE SPECIFIC CASE OF THE SEABIRD (CAIRO 11393), I NOTE A REPORT IN THE JERUSALEM POST TODAY THAT THE SHIP LEFT ASHDOD LAST NIGHT ON ITS WAY TO THE PERSIAN GULF. IT WAS LOADED WITH 3,000 TONS OF STEEL PIPE AND, AFTER TRANSITING THE CANAL, WOULD CALL AT EILAT TO LOAD THREE LIGHTERS, OF 300 TONS EACH, FOR TRANSPORT TO THE GULF. THE 6,200-TON SHIP WAS TO HAVE A DUTCH

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MASTER AND A MULTINATIONAL CREW OF 22.

3. THIS REPORT ON THE SEABIRD WAS TACKED ON TO THE END OF A  
STORY FROM DAMASCUS ABOUT THE BLACKLISTING OF FOREIGN VESSELS WHICH  
TRANSIT THE CANAL CARRYING GOODS TO OR FROM ISRAEL.

4. I AM INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT THE STORY ABOUT THE SEABIRD WAS  
IN THE PRESSROOM BEFORE MY TALK WITH EVRON, BUT WE WILL WATCH  
FOR ANY INDICATIONS OF FURTHER PUBLICITY ON THESE TRANSITS.

5. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS THIS MESSAGE TO CAIRO.  
TOON  
UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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